GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PERMISSION TO PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed private airlines to fly to SAARC Countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision in this connection was taken during last SAARC Summit;

(d) if so, whether the Pakistan Government has rejected Indian proposal to allow private airlines to fly to their country; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)and (b):- Government have permitted private scheduled Indian carriers to operate to SAARC countries, subject to availability of traffic rights and provision in the respective Air Services Agreements for designation of multiple airlines. On the basis of their requests, Jet Airways and Air Sahara have so far been designated to operate to Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d)and(e):- The proposal of Government of India to amend the existing Air Services Agreement to provide for designation of multiple airlines for operations of air services between the two countries, has not been acceeded to by Government of Pakistan for the present.